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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 14596

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TAGS: PFOR, ETRN, JA TW

SUBJECT; JAPAN-TAIWAN AIR LINK

REF: TAIPEI 6691

B. TAIPEI 6782

1. TOKYO PRES HAS ALSO CARRIED SPATE O SHORT
ARTICLES AS IN REF: B, ON LDP TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN TAKAYUKI SATO'S CONTACTS WITH TAIPEI
ON RESTORATION OF AIR LINK. IN BRIEF CONVERSTATION,
FONOFF CHINA DIV. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OGURA NOTED TO
EMBOFF THAT SATO HAS SOUGHT FOR LONG TIME TO
MAINTAIN CHANNEL TO TAIPEI. IN RECENT MONTHS
PARTICULARLY, TAIPEI'S EAST ASIA EXCHANGE ASSN. HEAD
MA SHU-LI HAS ATTEMPTED TO MAKE ASSN THE
PRIMARY, AUTHORITATIVE CHANNEL FOR CONTACTS
BETWEEN TAIPEI AND TOKYO. OGURA SUGGESTED THAT
SATO, WITH EXTENSIVE PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND TIES
IN JAPAN'S AVIATION INDUSTRY, FEARS THAT MA MAY
BE ENJOYING SOME SUCCESS. TO COUNTER MA, SATO HAS
STEPPED UP HIS ATTEMPTS TO SERVE AS CHANNEL TO
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TAIPEI AND IS NOW PUBLICIZING HIS EFFORTS. OGURA SAID

NOTHING APPEARED IN IMMEDIATE OFFING ON THE AIR
LINK PROBLEM. ON OTHER SIDE, LI CHIA, CNA'S TOKYO
BUREAU CHIEF AND MA'S RIGHT HAND MAN, TOLD EMBOFF
NOV 1. THAT TAIPEI WAS WATCHING PM TANAKA'S POLITICAL
POSITION WITH EXTREME INTEREST AND WAS UNLIKELY TO
MAKE ANY DECISION ON AIR LINK ISSUE UNTIL TANAKA'S
FUTURE WAS CLEARER.

2.COMMENT: CONTACT POINTS AND RUMORS ON AIR LINK
ISSUE ARE MYRIAD AND IT IS EVIDENT THAT BOTH SIDES
ARE EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH
CHINA DIV. IN GREATER DEPTH IN NEXT FEW DAYS BUT IT
APPEARS TO US THAT BOTH SIDES ARE STILL IN EXPLORA-
TORY PHASE AND BREAKTHROUGH HAS NOT YET BEEN
ACHIEVED. FOR TAIPEI, AS LI SAID, TANAKA'S
POSITION AND POSSIBLE CABINET RESHUFFLE ARE ALSO
CERTAINLY FACTORS IN EQUATION.
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